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1. CONTENTS REFTEL DISCUSSED JANUARY 18 WITH PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT ROMANIAN SPONSOR NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPONSOR ACCORDING TO CURRENT CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROMANIA AND U.S.

2. NCST OFFICIALS APPEARED PLEASED WITH EXHIBIT THEME AND WITH OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THEY SAID THEY HAD NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN A PROJECT OF THIS TYPE AND WERE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR SATISFACTION.

3. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THEIR FIRST PROBLEM WAS IN FUNDING THE RENTAL OF HALLS; UTILITIES; GUARDS; LABORERS TO UNPACK, MOUNT AND REPACK THE EXHIBIT; AND THE EXHIBIT DIRECTOR'S PER DIEM AND INTERNAL TRANSPORT. THEY SAID THIS PROJECT WAS NOT IN THEIR BUDGET AND THEY WOULD THUS HAVE TO REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS. THEY ASSURED EMBOFF THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH AS QUICKLY
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AS POSSIBLE WITH THEIR SITE PROPOSALS IN ALL THREE CITIES,

BUT THAT THIS COULD NOT BE DONE UNTIL THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED. THEY SAID WE COULD EXPECT ANSWER NOT SOONER THAN FEBRUARY 1ST. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE THAT NCST MAY DECIDE TO ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SCHEDULED MARCH 10 OPENING DAY, ALTHOUGH THIS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED. END COMMENT.

4. NCST REQUESTS FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 6) WILL WATER OR GASS BE NEEDED AT ANY OF THE EXHIBIT STANDS? 2) COPY OF PANEL TEXT IN ROMANIAN; 3) PHOTOS OF EXHIBIT IN ONE OTHER COUNTRY; 4) COPY OF BROCHURE TEXT IN ROMANIAN, 5) LIST OF EXHIBIT COMPONENTS PLUS LIST OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS. (NOTE THAT LATTER REQUEST INVOLVES POTENTIAL ROMANIAN INTEREST IN BUYING POLLUTION DETECTION AND CONTROL DEVICES). MARTENS

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